



Chief, Human Resources Officer

Colonel Julia Cleckley



Colonel Julia J. Cleckley started her military career in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in June 1965. She continued her military service by joining the Army National Guard in New York. In 1976 she earned her commission as a Lieutenant in the Adjutant General Corps with the 42nd Infantry Division, New York Army National Guard. She has served in various positions to include: Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Professor of Military Science at Hampton University, an Army National Guard advisor at Fort Eustis, Va., she came to the National Guard Bureau in 1987 serving in the Military Personnel Management Branch, and she served as a Staff Officer for the Department of Army, working for the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel.

In June 1992, Colonel Cleckley was selected for Senior Service College and studied at the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy at Tufts University in Boston. Upon completion of her studies she returned to the National Guard Bureau as Branch Chief of the Inspection Division within the Inspector General's office. She then became Chief, Personnel Policies Division in 1994. In July 1996 she began an assignment as Chief, ARNG Personnel Division. In March 2001 she was chosen to serve as the Chief, Human Resources Officer of the Army National Guard.

Colonel Cleckley was the first African-American woman to be promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Army National Guard's Active Guard Reserve (AGR) program, and the first woman of any race to be assigned as Division Chief at the National Guard Bureau. In 1998, Colonel Cleckley was a recipient of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Roy Wilkins Renowned Service Award, a military award that recognizes excellence in community service and mentorship. Colonel Cleckley holds a Masters of Science degree in Human Resources Management from Golden Gate University, California, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Hunter College, New York.